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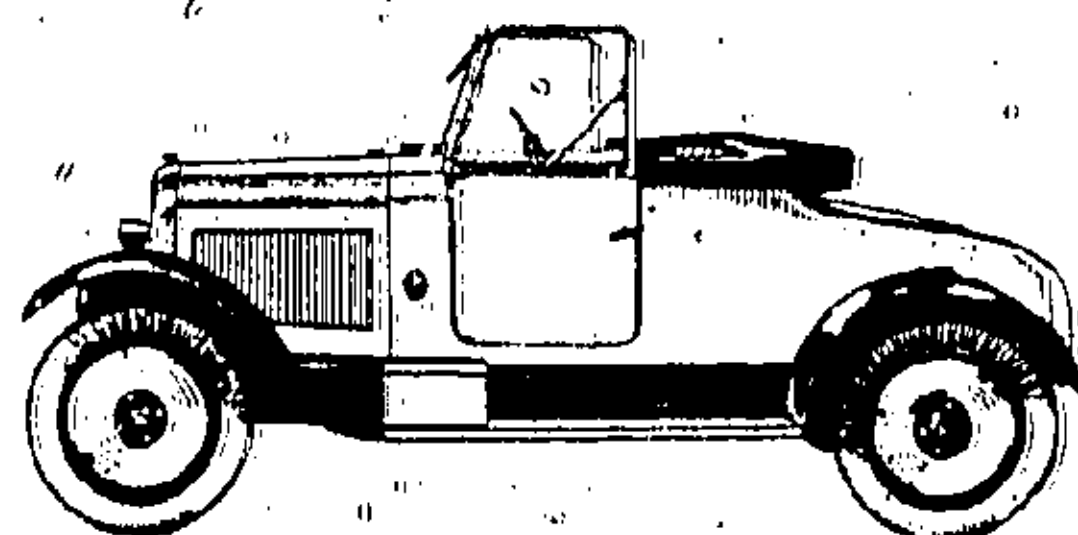
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LIGHT ON CANTON.

EFFORTS TO REACH A SETTLEMENT.

SHANGHAI PAPER'S COMMENT.

On January 1 we printed from our Canton correspondent an account of how the strike pickets had arrested the installation manager of the A. P. C. as he landed from the steamer "Honam," after firing some 40 rifle shots at his launch, says the "North China Daily News." Another correspondent now writes to say that this report was exaggerated, that only two shots were fired, probably from a revolver, and not at the launch but in the air, as a warning only. Our original correspondent quoted a witness on the "Honam." The information received recently apparently was from the installation manager himself. The writer of this letter comments, not without reason, on the injurious effect of any exaggeration at a time like this when, he thinks, the influence of the extremists is waning. He says that although the recent negotiations for the ending of the boycott failed, there is a growing party among Cantonese officials and merchants who are working for a settlement behind the scenes. In proof of the better feeling which he believes to exist, he says that the general attitude towards the British is much improved, that they move freely about the city nowadays without interference and that some of them have even visited Whampoa and walked through the cantonments, of the cadets without being molested in any way. "In fact many of the soldiers came to attention and saluted" as the party went by. Furthermore, the Shamen Municipal Council are removing the barricades and most of the barbed wire and the gates of the Shamen are open from sunrise to sunset. All this is very good news, the import of which, as regards Chinese feeling in Canton, does not lack corroboration in other quarters.

Certain outstanding facts and tendencies may be remembered at the present juncture. Foremost, perhaps, that it is not in the kindly nature of the Chinese people to stay in a passion and nourish unkindly feeling. Secondly, that the interests of so many Cantonese business men and shopkeepers are so closely bound up with those of the Chinese in Hongkong, that there is always a strong disposition towards a settlement if only it can find room to act. On the other side, there is the intemperate nature of the extremists, like Chou Enlai, recently speaking at Swatow on the fight against imperialism. As regards this party, there appears reason to think that the dictatorial attitude of Moscow's agents is beginning to be resented even by their most ardent followers. In general, one may take it as an axiom that the Chinese will not submit to outside control indefinitely. It is perhaps not going too far to hazard the opinion that the movement started by the Russians will not subside, but will become less Russian and more Chinese, more genuinely national and less wildly doctrinaire. For the basis of all these manifestations, we cannot forget, is national feeling. That they should in their first operation be extravagant and ill-regulated is not in the least surprising; it is the rule with all such movements. But as time goes on and the first fury subsides, the whole political impetus will gain in reason and popular support. There is, undoubtedly wisdom in one suggestion recently made by a correspondent of this paper that the only possible way of dealing with the new forces at work in South China (and not only in the south) is to recognise that they have come to stay, to wait patiently for the gradual moulding of them which the irresistible influence of Chinese thought, philosophy and sentiment must impart and to endeavour to make friends with them and gain their confidence.

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THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY LECTURE.

THE CONSTITUTION OF MAN.

At the weekly public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge, The Theosophical Society, on Thursday, Mr. H. E. Lanpart gave an address on "The Constitution of Man," illustrated by charts. Extracts from his address are—

One of the fundamental teachings of Theosophy is the latent Divinity in all men, and its unfolding through "repeated re-births on earth. When men will no more identify themselves with their changing bodies, be it the physical body, or that of sensation, or the body of the mind, then only will they realise their true Self, their own potential divinity, and learn the true proportion between the ever changing and the permanent, standing above the chances and changes of mortal life. One often finds men asserting that he is the body and that it possesses a soul, clinging to the idea of the transmigration of the mortal casket. Theosophy, drawn once more the attention of the modern thought to the composite nature of man, has sevenfold constitution, which is corroborated by the division of St. Paul of man into Spirit, soul and body, given by this Christian initiate as a more outline of the occult facts.

Theosophy shows us the constitution of man as consisting of seven stages of consciousness or being, of which four are immortal and permanent, and three mortal and new for every incarnation. They are as follows:—1, the physical body, with its etheric counterpart; 2, the astral body of sensation, of self-centred feeling, desire, emotion and passions; 3, the mental body of concrete analytical mind. There is another stage of the thought—the abstract creative thought, which partakes of immortality, with the higher bodies of man; 4, the Intentional or Buddhist or Christ body; 5, the Nirvanic or body of Divine Spirit; 6, the Monadic or body of Virgin Spirit; 7, the body of God the One Existence. The nature of the last two cannot be known by man, whilst still subject to the wheel of birth and death.

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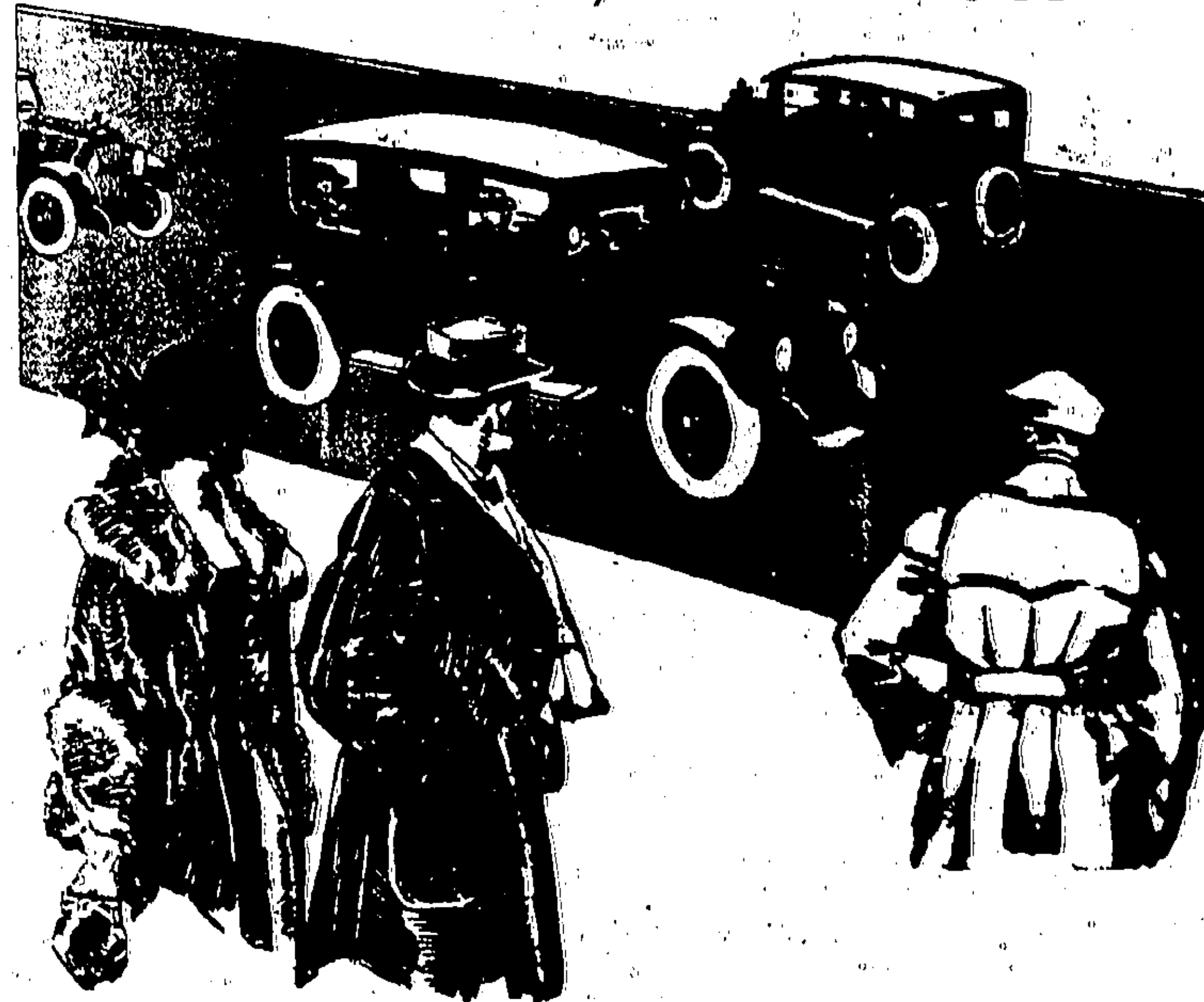
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In any case the powers are extremely drastic. Sub-section (2) of the Bill, goes on, without prejudice to the generality of the provisions mentioned above, to lay down that such regulations may be made with regard to: (a) Censorship, and the control and suppression of publications, writings, maps, plans, photographs, communications, and means of communication; (b) Arrest, detention, exclusion and deportation; (c) Control of the harbours, ports and territorial waters of the Colony, and the movements of vessels; (d) Transportation by land, air, or water, and the control of the transport of persons and things; (e) Trading, exportation, importation, production and manufacture; (f) Supply and distribution of food, water, fuel, light, and other necessities; (g) Appropriation, control, forfeiture and disposition of property, and the use thereof; (h) Conferring powers on public officers and others; (i) Requiring persons to do work or render services; (j) Providing for compensation, if any, to be paid for work done or services rendered, or in respect of rights affected, in consequence of the provisions of any regulations made under this Ordinance, and for the determination of such.

Obviously some at any rate of these very comprehensive powers are bound to be in conflict with the general laws of the Colony so the Bill—after laying down that such regulations shall, unless the Governor in Council otherwise directs, come into operation upon the day on which they are made and shall continue in force until rescinded by order of the Governor and shall be published in the "Gazette" as soon as the circumstances permit and the rescission thereof shall also be so published—goes on to enact that "Any provision of any law of the Colony which may be inconsistent with any regulation made under this section shall be suspended and of no effect during the continuance of such regulation."

In the ordinary way, such legis-



Nicholas Ladovsky arrived at Ellis Island, New York, only to find himself held there pending legal adoption by E. D. Boggs, American ace of the Lafayette Escadrille, who picked him up abroad.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B.I. s.s. "Tilawa" left Singapore for this Port on January 18, a.m., and is due here tomorrow, at about 8 a.m.
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PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" on Jan. 22:- Rev. Sparham, Miss H. Chung, Mr. and Mrs. Chapple, Seaman C. Tait Able, Mrs. C. E. Lanthier, Mrs. S. C. Leung, Mr. and Mrs. Baker, Mrs. H. M. Kendall, Mr. I. Pappo, Miss K. C. Griggs, Miss Y. T. Law, Mr. R. W. Andersen, Mr. R. C. Rees, Mrs. J. Massebeerg, Mr. C. A. Bower, Miss D. Metcalf, Mr. W. Archer, Mrs. B. Terry, Miss D. Foster and Master A. Garcia.

lation might be regarded by the purist as constituting a far-reaching attack upon all the fundamental rights arising out of the principle of the liberty of the subject. But we have seen what has happened in a neighbouring Colony, where, in the absence of such a law, evilly disposed persons were able partially to paralyse the life of the community, to do immense damage both to public and to private interests, and to inflict great hardship and suffering on thousands of innocent individuals. And, not knowing when the wave of lawlessness may perhaps sweep down from the north to the shores of Malaya, we think it only right that the local Government should be armed with such powers as will enable it to meet the forces of disorder on rather more equal terms than was the case elsewhere.

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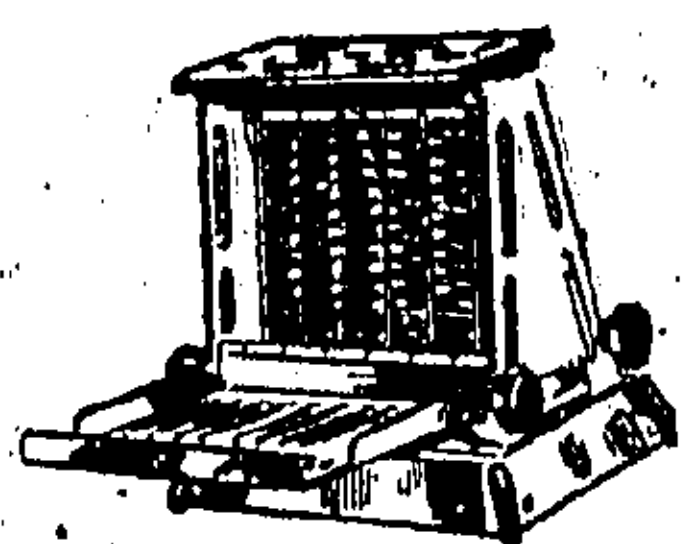
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KARAKHAN'S WAIL.

In perfect accordance with
Soviet principles in relation to
Chinese affairs, M. Karakhan has
sent a lengthy wail to the Foreign
Office in Peking, complaining of
the breach of agreements, at the
very moment when Peking is call-
ing attention to the violation of
Treaty rights by the Reds taking
over control of the native Customs
in Swatow. Peking, of course, is
equally inconsistent, inasmuch as
whilst it talks of resuming the
expedition against the Mukden
War Lord, it is discreetly silent
as to the measures to be brought
to bear against the Treaty
breakers in Swatow.

M. Karakhan and his clique see
no possible harm in influencing
the Chinese to break, defy, and
seek the abolition of Treaties and
agreements made between China
and the Powers (Russia excluded,
of course). Yet, he positively
fumes with rage, and threatens to
"meet troops by troops" at the
first suspicion of a breach of
agreements between China and
the unimpeachable United Social-
ist Soviet Republics. China is to
be held responsible! China is to
take measures to ensure respect
for the agreements with the
Soviet. The Chinese Foreign
Office has to put the military
heads in their place—and to teach
them their duties if they do not
know them. China must do this,
and China must do that—at the
bidding of M. Karakhan!

It is quite evident that the
overthrow of General Kuo has
ranked in M. Karakhan's mind.
Equally positive is it that Marshal
Chang's return to power in
Mukden has upset all the Soviet
plans. Hence the creation of a
mountain out of the Chinese East-
ern Railway molehill; and hence
the desire of the "Christian"
General's comrades to recall him
to the post of duty and to resume
the expedition against Marshal
Chang.

It is within the realms of possi-
bility that, sooner or later, another
serious effort will be made to
clip Marshal Chang's wings; but
the Soviet Ambassador and Mar-
shal Feng's friends have vividly
seized upon the railway dis-
agreement to hasten drastic mea-
sures against Chang. Whether the
"Christian" General, who dis-
avowed Bolshevism while he
equipped himself with Russian
arms, will respond to the call to
action cannot be answered at the

moment. At the moment he is
grateful to heavy snowstorms in
the Unga region for delaying
his return to the political
stage. To those not behind the
scene, however, it would appear
that Karakhan and Feng between
them have stage-managed a nice
little compact for an expedition
against the Mukden War Lord,
the curtain rising on Act I, in
which Chang is shown as the
villain of the piece in regard to
the railway affair. Further com-
ment would be superfluous until
Act II, indicates the other mem-
bers of the cast and what they
are supposed to do!

WHY—?

A small drop of ink, falling,
like dew, upon a thought, pro-
duces that which makes thou-
sands, perhaps millions, think. It
must be such things as this which
incline to the general idea that
the pen is mightier than the
sword. The peace of the world
war was signed with a pen. A
gold pen was used to sign the
Locarno pact. All these debt
funding arrangements end with
the use of pen and ink. Which
has the greater virtue—the
spoken or the written word? The
written word we should say, if
only by reason of the fact that
greater care is expended in its
right use and in its right place.
That was a good leader of yours
the other night, says a sym-
pathetic friend, only to dash your
fond hopes when he cannot tell
you the subject of that which
arrested either his critical or his
aesthetic faculties. We thank
him inwardly for a compliment
which is probably well meant, and
which we spoil by an effort to
trace to its logical course. Next
to this "benefactor" or critic of
appreciation to the newspaper
man, is the person who knows
What Subjects Papers Should
Deal With. "Why don't you write
about—?" he begins, and the
lured writer begins to thank the
answer to an unconscious prayer
for a subject. Jaded senses re-
vive, and the light of battle gleams
once more. What is it that the
journalist should write about?
Most people are apirists—that
is, in common parlance, they have
"bees in their bonnets." Think it
over and apply the innuendo.
This man thinks that the air is
overshadowed with germs—cause
healthy ones too. They cause
sickness and often lead to death.
These germs come from sweeping
verandahs into streets. Strictly
speaking the dust and dirt of
verandahs. Therefore "why don't
you write about it?" Then there
are signboards. The number of
people killed in Hongkong through
signboards impressing themselves
on the skulls of people is not
known. But signboards, in a
typhoon, may come down and in-
doing so, may hurt someone.
Therefore "why don't you write
about signboards?" Of the
reader who has heard things and
passes them on as subjects worthy
a paragraph, or a more extended
notice, much can be said. He
means well. After all he is a
"carrier"—one of the members of
an innumerable throng that live
on small talk and the idle chatter
that is not worth a moment's pur-
chase. He reckons little of those
letters—often anonymous—
which, like unwanted foundlings,
find themselves on the editor's
doorstep—upbraiding him for
writing this and publishing the
other. Conducting a newspaper,
has become to be ranked along-
side such specialised subjects as
teaching—it can be done much
better by those who probably
know little about it. We shall
continue to be blessed with wise
and well meaning souls who ask
us why we don't write about this
that or the other. We suffer
them gladly, for after all they
have interests and their "bees"
generally have no nasty sting in
them.

LAST NIGHT'S BALL.

POLICE AND GUESTS AT
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H.E. THE GOVERNOR PRESENT.

The Police Ball last night was
a greater success even than past
achievements lead one to expect
from this annual function. The
arrangements were of the usual
high order. The guests were
numerous (about 300) but not too
many to interfere with the enjoy-
ment of the dancing. The absence
of similar functions for some con-
siderable time, owing to the
mourning for Her Majesty the
late Queen Alexandra, was also
probably a contributory factor to
last night's outstanding success.

The decoration efforts of the
workmen engaged from early
morning at the City Hall were
seen to great advantage. A
notable feature was the coloured
electric lights which bedecked the
vestibule and led up the spacious
stairway to the dance rooms and
buffet. Rows of ferns also lined
the stairway. The "Charge
Room," below, also the "Devils
Den" (card room) had their parti-
cular devotees. These, too, were
attractively decorated.

Excellent dance music was pro-
vided by the Hongkong Hotel
orchestra. The floor, a little bit
heavy at first, improved as the
evening progressed.

Those present included H.E. the
Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi,
K.C.M.G.) and Lady Clementi,
Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B.,
C.M.G., Commodore A. J. B.
Stirling, the Hon. Mr. E. R.
Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E., Captain
Lake (H.M.S. "Hawkins"), Sir
Henry Gollan, Mr. and Mrs. J. R.
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Mrs. S. B. McElderry, Mr. C. D.
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Comdr. Hole, Lieut.-Comdr. Hake,
Dr. Smalley, Dr. and Mrs.
Valentine, Lieut. Dangerfield, Mr.
P. P. J. Wodehouse (Captain
Superintendent of Police) and
Mrs. Wodehouse, Capt. Bloxham,
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Franks, Mr.
W. R. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. T. H.
King, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Booth,
Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Gerrard, Dr.
and Mrs. Moore, the Sisters of the
Government Civil Hospital and
others.

The Governor was attended by
Capt. Steele, M.C. (A.D.C.), and
Mr. E. Foster (Private Secre-
tary).

The General Committee in
charge of affairs comprised: Mr.
P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E. C.S.P.
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day, January 28, is as follows:—
The net earnings of the boats,
after paying all working expenses,
amounted to \$298,419.77.

The amount at credit of profit
and loss account, after trans-
ferring \$200,000.00 to reserve
fund, \$20,000.00 to accident fund
and \$24,666.32 to special repairs
fund, paying for repairs and a
retiring bonus to the former
Secretary, allowing for Directors'
and auditor's fees, and doubtful
debts and depreciation, includ-
ing \$211,415.08 brought forward,
is \$272,234.69, which, with the
approval of shareholders, it is
proposed to appropriate as
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To pay a bonus of	\$1.50 per share	120,000.00
To carry forward		32,234.69
		\$272,234.69

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Bernard and Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang
joined the Board in place of Mr.
B. D. E. Beith and Mr. C. Gordon
Mackie, resigned.

In accordance with the Articles
of Association Hon. Sir C. P.
Chater, Kt., C.M.G., retires but
being eligible offers himself for
re-election.

Auditor.—The accounts have
been audited by Mr. C. Bernard
Brown, A.C.A., who offers himself
for re-election.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taggart are
passengers in the "Taiping" on
her maiden trip to Australia. The
boat left yesterday.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

We share the feel-
ing of a young
friend of ours that
the local branch of the Mothers'
Union will never go on strike!

"The biggest dam in the world"
as a headline is rather striking.
But isn't there a bigger? Damn!

To describe some people as
belonging to the cream of society,
appears to us a bit thick!

It may be the "British Wireless
Service," but judging by the
quantity it seems to be the "Bri-
tish Wiremore service."

The Police Ball last
night was not like
one that George
Meredith, the writer, attended at
Esher. He was uncomfortable
and he caught a severe cold. Here
are his impressions:—

"The ball? I try to remove
the mists of jaundice, for I can't
get a view of it without some
yellow. It was frightful to me.
The young women (with one or
two exceptions) were hideous; the
old ones talked of the weather,
and shivered, as I do now at the
recollection of my suffering. If
you want a sight of the room,
open your piano's lid, strike the
notes, and see the little bobbing
heads in the interior. They bob
to some purpose; but oh! this
sight! . . . At 12 midnight,
supper. Champagne cup (small
beer, sweetened, with a fizz) to
wash down blocks of incarnate
dyspepsia in a room half frost.
Half fire. The women who had
danced would sit in the draughts,
and those who hadn't chattered
they knew not what with
imbecile chins."

This is how the game
FAN TAN, struck Count
Hermann Keyserling
the traveller philosopher, who
visited Macao in the course of
his travels:—
"At night-time I occasionally
visit one of the famous 'gambling
hells' and amuse myself with the
FAN TAN. There can hardly be
anything more calm and peaceful
than such a hell. Gamblers
almost always, look earnest and
professional, but I have never
observed anywhere such cheerful
equanimity as in Macao. The
game in itself is infinitely dull;
the player at best can only win
very little, the bank must in all
circumstances win a great deal.
The Chinaman, however, goes
home calmly and placidly after he
has played away his daily wage.
He rocks himself at most, if he
has lost too much in sweet opium
dreams to comfort himself."

There is at least one
FISHLIKE, Hongkong man who
does not care to read.
old letters or anything that he has
written. Eden Philpotts seems to
have the same eccentricity. His
play, "The Farmer's Wife," has
been running for over two years,
and yet Philpotts has not seen it,
and hesitates to go lest he should
not like it. His attitude has been
compared to that of Robert Louis
Stevenson, who said he wished
some one else had written "Treasure
Island" so that he might have
the pleasure of reading it.

THE REVOLT OF MRS. HUMMING-BIRD.

In the midst of our discussions
there was a whirl in the colum-
bines, and Mr. Humming-bird ap-
peared. This was so unusual
that pony-plans ceased abruptly;
we sat very still. (Mr. Humming-
bird is shy; besides, he is such a
beauty. We must be sure to
have more columbines in these
beds next year, they suit him so
—and he does love them. But—
had Mrs. Humming-bird, for
once, sent him out to do the work?
He had—so far as anything as
transient as a humming-bird could
have—the arduous, painstaking
expression of one who grapples
with an unaccustomed task; some-
times blundered a little, once
almost missed his aim at a
columbine-division. Surely this
was the revolt of Mrs. Humming-
bird. Every day, before, she had
been doing the strenuous honey-
search, tasting and sucking with
all her little might; dashing at
every possibility, prying furiously
into the slightest crack in the
folded petals (the columbines were
hardly out), sometimes at an in-
hospitable closed bud.

(Imagine Mrs. Humming-bird
declaring, "Dearest, I must
have a job"; Mr. Humming-bird
retorting, "Darling—don't you
think you have one already?";
Mrs. Humming-bird silencing him
—if a humming-bird husband
could be silenced, which I doubt—
with, "But this sitting on a nest,
beloved, is a bore. I want to be
out—being important, being
visible, in the fierce traffic of the
flower-beds.") Humming-bird
flowers, they tell us, are lined with
cobwebs; imagine one of these
little fiery creatures constraining
itself to handle a cobweb; to
weave it, patiently, into lining.
Either cobwebs are tougher than
one thinks—or else a humming-
bird can be gentle when it tries.

Later on, when leaves thinned,
we saw the little thimble-bump of
a nest, high up but on a strong
limb as broad as the nest. No
precarious fork-architecture for
these two. Getting honey was
precarious enough, without a
wiggly nest to worry over. I wish
all birds were as careful.

There must at least
be a thousand ways
of speaking or writ-
ing of Hongkong. There are
probably more—one for each of
those who have seen the place.
The local habit is to drag in some-
thing about a barren rock and
pirates—much done to death.
The Shreds man has been interest-
ed to note how three writers deal
with the subject. Count Hermann
Keyserling in his "The Travel
Diary of a Philosopher," deals with
Hongkong in a page. "The
scenery of Hongkong reminds me
of the Riviera," he says, and goes
on to other reflections. Louis
Couperus (alas! dead) in "East-
ward" is delightful. "A fishing-
village called Aberdeen . . . a
few Chinese temples with porce-
lain gods and dragons on the
roof . . . Bends and turnings . . .
a golf course . . ." Stella Benson
in "The Little World" writes
about teaching the Bible in Hong-
kong and a visit to a Chinese
theatre, and you come away from
it feeling impressed with a picture
that you know to be true to
life . . . One wonders if the
Governor has read the Count's
philosophical travel book. There
are some deep musings in the
chapter on Canton on the spoken
and written word which are worth
attention. The Count's opinion
of Canton is that "this town is
beautiful."

There is a sarcastic
effort of a Scots
minister to get
peeps "fit for folk
to sleep in" installed in his kirk
reminds us of the story that used
to be told about a former Lord
Elphinstone. He worshipped in
the Cumbermauld Parish Church,
and was very friendly with the
preacher. The latter interrupted
his sermon on one occasion and
exclaimed: "Lord Elphinstone,
you're sleeping!" "Nay, mon, but
ah'm not," came the reply. "Then
what did I last say?" demanded
the persevering padre. "Lord
Elphinstone, you're sleeping,"
promptly answered his lordship.

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THE REVOLT OF MRS. HUMMING-BIRD.

Mrs. Humming-bird grew very
tame, that summer. As I sat on
the steps, she would get honey all
round me. There was a flood of
climbing nasturtiums near-by; I
wondered if their honey could be
as placid-coloured as that from
more mildly tinted flowers. About
me she whizzed, now across my
feet to get into a low-lying petunia,
now in one wild whirl across my
face and up over the shed-roof, in
the sudden conviction that there
were blossoms even finer among
the pumps and plantains, mowing-
machines and agriculture, of the
back yard. Beautiful, these
swoops; almost too swift—even
for thought. . . . In an in-
stant, back she would come (I
could have told her there was
nothing in that back yard) and—
zizz!—at the convolvulus. . . . The
throat of the convolvulus being just
too long for her beak, she could
not, with her utmost vivacity, hum
herself in deep enough to reach the
honey, so had to come to vulgar
trampling and pushing—which,
with those needle-claws, meant also
tearing and scratching. But they
were pale-gray, poetic, little
scratches after all.

The gentler pencil-stripings on
the edge of the fragile blossoms
were perhaps the most touching;
so fairly delicate, so not-made-by-
hands, that the flower looked as if
fairies, on their keen little sleds,
had been coasting down its rim.
Only a convolvulus-bloom, unhappi-
ly, folds up at night. A fairy
would have to do its coasting on a
petunia.

The petunias, however, were
shorter-necked, and showed no fairy
slidings. As they blossomed more
and more thickly she grew tamer
and tamer. I inspected every item
of her, as she hummed before me;
the thorn-like shine of her beak;
the exact spot where she stowed
each curled-up ball of a foot; the
brace-points at the end of her
very practical tail, and, most im-
pudent of all, the very black-rim-
med curve of her nearer eyelid.
One felt as if one ought to look
away; but how little she minded—
Anne Bosworth Greene, in "Dipper
Hill."

RIFT IN THE LUTE.

EFFRONTERY OF SOVIET AGENTS.

CHINESE RAILWAY DISPUTE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Jan. 22.

Comments in the Chinese Press reveal the extent of the rift in the Sino-Russian lute, which the Chinese Eastern Railway dispute has caused.

The semi-official "Peking Daily News" thinks that it is time its countrymen's eyes were opened to the effrontery of Soviet agents in China.

So-called Imperialism.

The paper invites the student leaders to examine Mr. Karakhan's protest to the Waichiao, in the light of his teachings against so-called imperialism; and also to examine the reasons for the loss of Mongolia, the activities of Soviet agents in Sinkiang and elsewhere, and the various conditions imposed in South China by Soviet Agents at Canton and other Southern centres.

Mask Falls.

Referring to the threat of the Soviet to resort to armed intervention, the vernacular paper "Shih Jui Jih Pao" says that if these reports are true, then "the mask of friendship for China, which Soviet Russia has been wearing in the country for the past few years, will be exposed in all its nakedness. There is no doubt that we are opposed to imperialism; but we are equally set against Red Imperialism, which has clearly exposed its designs in this country."

Train Returns.

Peking, Jan. 22.
One passenger train left Harbin for Changchun on January 20 and returned the next day; but no movement has been reached regarding the resumption of normal traffic. Otherwise the situation is unchanged.

Move Against Chang.

Peking, Jan. 22.
In connection with the expedition against Chang Tso-lin, the proposal was that Li Chung-shan, garrison commander at Peking, should command the right flank; whilst Chang Yung-jung, military commissioner of Chifeng, should command the left. Their forces were to unite at Chaoang, after which they would march against Chinchow.

Feng Held Up.

Simultaneously, a report from Kalgan states that Marshal Feng Yuxiang has postponed his departure, owing to heavy snowstorms in the region of Ula, which make it impossible for Feng's party to travel through Mongolia. Feng, therefore, is awaiting more favourable weather. A message from Kalgan states that Chang Chih-chung assumed the office of Tapan of North-West Frontier Defence at Kalgan on January 21.

Japan's Rights.

Tokyo, Jan. 22.
Replying to interpellations in the Lower House of the Diet, Baron Shidehara (Foreign Minister) stated that Japan intends to take steps to establish her commercial rights in Manchuria on a permanent basis, if the Peking Conference raises the extra-territorial question. But, meantime, he wishes to withhold from publication a concrete plan which is now under investigation.

Moscow's Views.

Moscow, Jan. 22.
Discussing the Russo-Chinese dispute in regard to the Chinese Eastern Railway the "Izvestia" declares that Chang Tso-lin is continuing his old policy of provoking complications in the relations between the Soviet and Japan. It asserts that the dispute has arisen owing to the attempts of the Chinese military leaders to usurp the rights of the administration of the Railway whose lawful demand for payment for the transport of troops accords with the Peking-Mukden Treaty in regard to the Railway.

It says that the transport of Chang Tso-lin's forces, under cover of which private goods are also carried, heavily encumbers the Railway to which Chang already owes fourteen million dollars.

The "Izvestia" proceeds to argue that the "savage outrages" by Chang Tso-lin's armies, which have disorganised the work of the Railway, will injure Japan and China. It says that only Chang himself will suffer from the policy of provoking complications between the Soviet and Japan and China in an attempt to frustrate the friendship of three great peoples.

The paper concludes that the Soviet is honestly fulfilling its obligations under International Treaties, and demands the same of the other parties to such treaties. "We will not suffer complications to be provoked between the Soviet

MISSIONARY WORK.

CHRISTIAN MESSAGE TO MOSLEMS.

FAR EASTERN STUDENTS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 22.

The report of the Missionary Council of the Church Assembly, dealing with the Moslem world, says that the interpretation of the Christian message to Moslems is vital to world peace and the safety of Christendom and cannot be postponed.

The strengthening of existing missions and reviving lapsed work will cost an extra £20,000 yearly. At least another £20,000 yearly is needed to train experts and staff adequately for the missions in Trans-Jordan, the Sudan, North Nigeria, the Diocese of Singapore, Persia, and possibly Madagascar.

"MAN POWER" SHORTAGE.

The report on the Far East states that a minimum of 172 men and women workers is required immediately, of whom 108 are needed for China, 34 for Japan, 23 for Singapore and 48 new recruits are required annually.

The report dwells on the renascence in the Far East, manifested in the demand for education.

CHINA'S EXPERIMENT.

It says that China is attempting the same experiment in education on a purely material basis which Japan shows signs of abandoning. Every phase of the Church's work, touching education, should be emphasised, strengthened and made effective.

The report recommends that the whole question of Christian work among Far Eastern students in Western countries should be investigated.

FANTASTIC!

BRITAIN NOT LIVING ON CAPITAL.

TRADE BALANCE FAVOURABLE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 22.

The President of the Board of Trade, Sir Philip Cunliffe, in a speech at Haliplant last night, reviewed Great Britain's trade figures for the past year and dismissed as fantastic the suggestion that the country was living on its capital. This, he pointed out, was definitely refuted by the trade returns; for, although an excess in imports over exports in visible trade was obvious and amounted last year to £386,000,000, the real position could only be appreciated after an accurate estimate of invisible exports was made.

Taking a strictly conservative estimate of the invisible exports, the result was that last year there was a favourable trade balance of not less than twenty-eight or thirty millions. It was certainly not smaller and might be considerably larger.

What Country Needs.

The position was even better than these figures suggested; for during the last two years Britain had been receiving imports which were set off against exports of credit during the years 1919 and 1920. But the balance to-day was insufficient. It was not nearly so much as before the war and to-day the country needed a bigger balance for the purpose of providing new capital for the development of new markets.

and China and Japan, and hope that we will be supported there-
about by China and Japan."

Soviet Manager Arrested.

Shanghai, Jan. 22.
According to a Japanese message from Harbin, Marshal Chang Tso-lin has arrested M. Ivanoff, the Manager of the Chinese Eastern Railway, presumably as retaliation for the Soviet Ambassador's Note demanding the cessation of the alleged high-handedness of the Chinese troops as regards the Railway.

INTERVENTION FAILS.

(Russian Official Telegram.)

Harbin, Jan. 21.

The Chinese military have resumed their outrageous actions on the Chinese Eastern Railway. M. Ivanoff has ordered the complete suspension of traffic on the southern section. Chang Huan-hsiang has tried intervention of the matter, but has hitherto failed. "The Consul has approved Chang Huan-hsiang's action and expressed confidence that he has sufficient force to compel the management to resume traffic. The provocative ruling of this has been overruled."

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

TREK THROUGH A LONELY FOREST.

SPLENDID PERFORMANCE.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 22.

A cablegram to the "Daily Mail" from Mr. Alan Cobham, who is mapping out an air route from London to Capetown, reports his arrival at Nkhola, in Northern Nigeria, after four hours' flight from Abercorn, 345 miles away at the foot of Lake Tanganyika.

By trekking through a desolate forest area, this journey takes approximately a month.

Mr. Cobham reports that not the slightest hitch with the aeroplane has been experienced on six thousand miles so far covered.

SPANISH FLIGHT.

Messages From Alfonso.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madrid, Jan. 22.

The Spanish airmen, mentioned on January 20, have left Palos en route to South America.

They carry messages from King Alfonso to the Presidents of Brazil, Uruguay, and the Argentine.

First Stage.

Las Palmas, Jan. 22.

The Spanish airmen have arrived here, completing the first stage of their flight to South America.

A message, dated Huelva, January 20, stated:—Major Franco and Captain Ruiz De Alda have arrived in a seaplane from Melilla, the first "hop," preparatory to leaving Palos de Moguer on Thursday for America.]

Missing Airmen.

Amsterdam, Jan. 22.

No trace has been found of the two missing airmen who left Shiphol aerodrome on Tuesday for coast defence aerial exercises.

All hope of their safety has been abandoned, the search having been seriously handicapped by rough and foggy weather along the coast.

PARIS TO TEHRAN.

Two Months' Study Tour.

(Havas Agency.)

Paris, Jan. 22.

The aviators Lieutenants Challe and Rabatel completed yesterday a two months' study tour of the Paris-Teheran-Paris route, which was accomplished in spite of most unfavourable weather conditions.

PREVENT DISASTER!

SHORT TIME IN COTTON TRADE.

"MOST EFFECTIVE MEASURE."

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 22.

"The most effective measure, however distasteful, for preventing disaster in the cotton trade has been proved to be short time," says the annual report of the Oldham Master Cotton Spinners' Association.

In spite of the bumper American crop last year, and the fall in the price of cotton to 10d. a pound, the demand has fallen off and more short time is being urged to end the continuous additions to stock and the slaughtering of yarn prices.

The Committee hope that this is a temporary phase, pending the establishment of prices for the new crop. Compared with pre-war prices, raw cotton is now at a level below the average. The increase in world prices, therefore, it is difficult to believe, will not be a potent factor in stimulating a long demand. If this is insufficient to enable the trade to resume full time working, then the problem of further reducing the costs of production must be altered more drastically than hitherto.

ARMS FOR INDIA.

FROM SINGAPORE AND RANGOON.

(Reuter's Service.)

Calcutta, Jan. 22.

The Special Tribunal has sentenced an Indian, named Siddhansu Chaudhury, to 18 months' rigorous imprisonment for importing pistols and revolvers from Rangoon and Singapore.

SLUMS TO GO.

PROPOSED ASSISTANCE BY STATE.

BETTER RURAL HOMES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 22.

A Cabinet Committee has been set up to consider the proposals of the Ministry of Health, relating to slum clearance and rural housing.

It is understood that the proposal is that State assistance should be given for an admitted period in conjunction with County Councils to enable rural house owners to modernise their dwellings or place them in a proper state of repair.

It is suggested that the County Councils and the State should share equally the cost of the work involved, to be repayable by house owners.

Housing Bonds.

A further proposal is that the local authorities should take over slum areas not only for demolition, as at present, but also for improvement and that estate management commissions should be elected to supervise work which would be financed by the issue of housing bonds.

UTOPIAN!

GERMAN NATIONALISTS' DEMANDS.

LOCARNO TREATY OPPOSED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 22.

The German National Party, at a conference last night, agreed to submit to the Reichstag a motion, making a series of demands tantamount to declaring implacable hostility to the Locarno

BUY BRITISH GOODS.

THE SLOGAN OF THE EMPIRE TO-DAY.

TRADE MARKS WANTED.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, Jan. 22.

Speaking at Bath as President of the Association of the British Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Stanley Machin said that "Buy British Goods" was the slogan of the British Empire to-day.

If this campaign was to be carried to a successful conclusion it was essential that the purchasing public should have some clear means by which they could identify British made goods from goods produced by foreign labour. The Association welcomed the announcement of the Government to introduce a Merchandise Marks Bill with this object in the forthcoming session of Parliament.

[Mr. Stanley Machin, J.P., is a Director of Crosbie and Blackwell, Ltd.; was President of the London Chamber of Commerce, 1920-22; and Chairman of the Organising Committee of the ninth Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire held in Toronto in 1920.]

Treaty, the entry of Germany into the League of Nations, and the determination to oppose the new Luther-Stresemann Cabinet to the utmost.

"NOT WORTH DISCUSSING."

It is not doubted, however, that the Reichstag will reject the motion, as the National Party's demands are regarded as utopian and not worth discussing at present, except the demand for the reduction of the Allied occupation forces in the Rhineland, about which all Parties are agreed; and the Government will encounter difficulties in the Reichstag unless it can make a reassuring statement in this connection.

WELCOME TO TOURISTS.

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(A monster al-fresco Chinese cabaret with abundant sideshows.)

This is the only amusement park in Hongkong situated on East Point Hill and is decorated with ancient Chinese architecture and attractive Chinese art. The natural scenery of the place itself is excellent. There are many very old trees on the top of the Hill which are decorated with thousands of coloured bulbs at night. A full view of the town and the harbour of Hongkong and Kowloon can be had from all vantage points.

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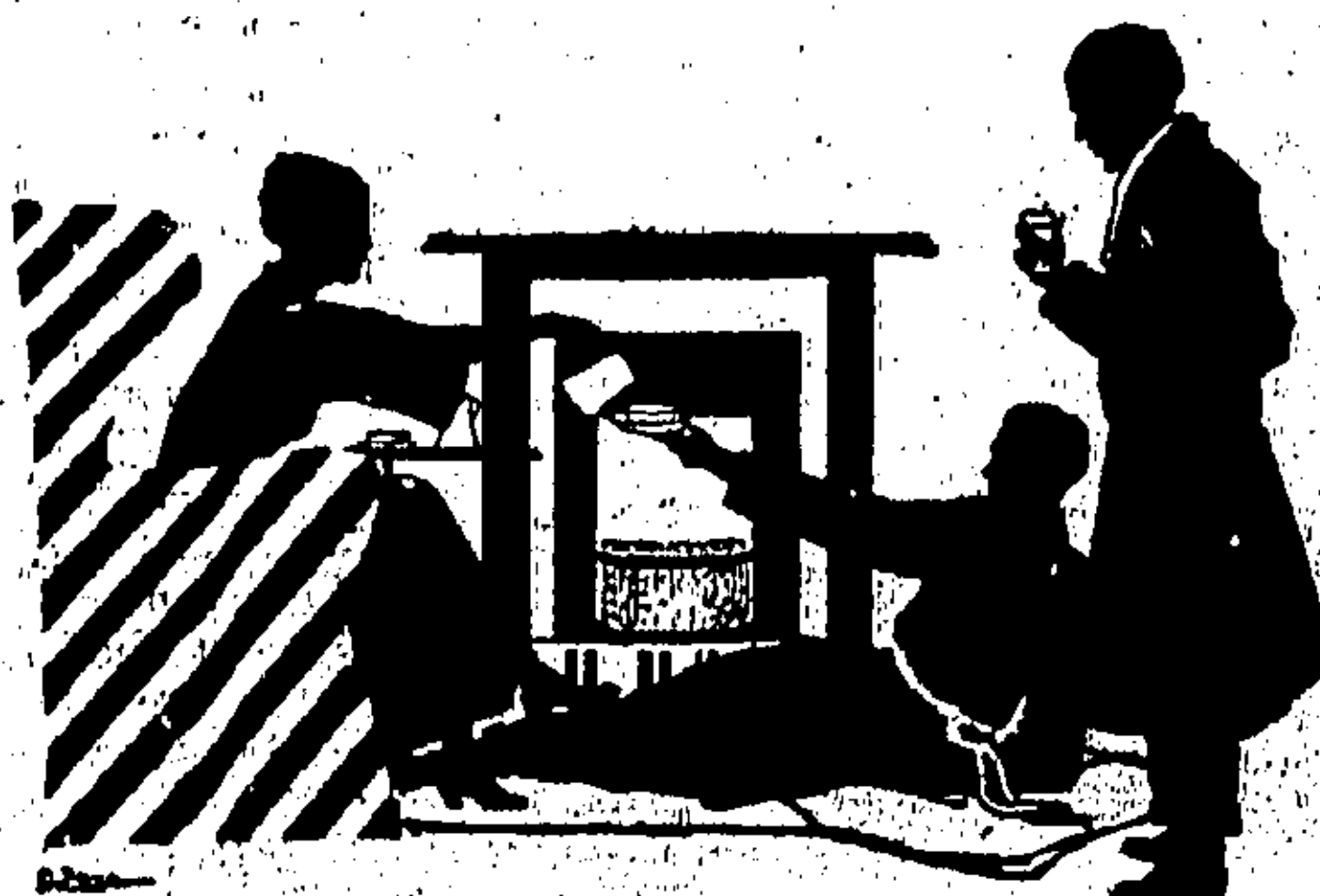
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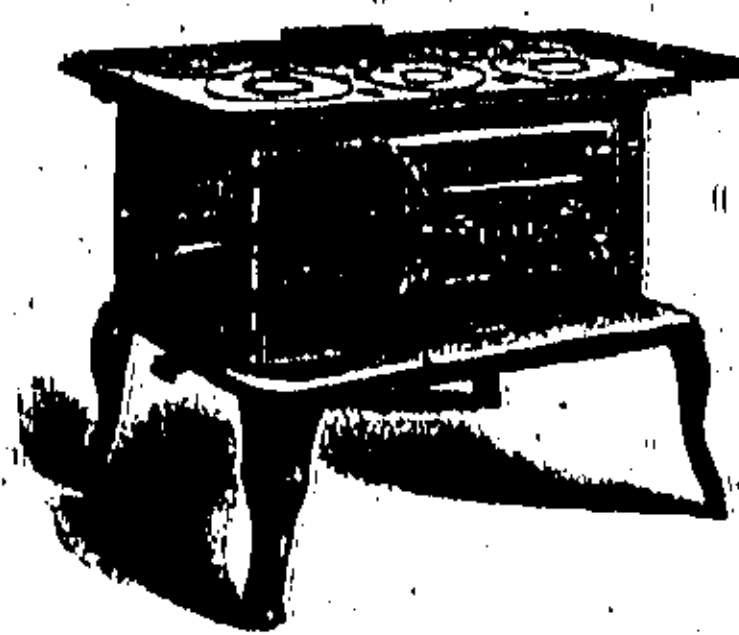
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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

A "BELT" FIGHT.

AND SEVERAL SPLENDID CONTESTS.

LOCAL BOXING DETAILS.

Splendid contests have been arranged for the next boxing tournament under the H.K.B.A. auspices, there being a change in the date which should be noted by local "fans."

At first the Theatre Royal was booked for February 6. "Owing to the departure of H.M.S. "Hermes" from the station before that date, the fights will take place a week earlier, namely, on the night of January 30 (next Saturday).

The "cream" of local talent has been assembled. The programme comprises 49 rounds of boxing, with a championship bout as the main event. Details follow:—

15 rounds, for the welterweight championship of the Colony: Stoker Petty Officer "Jim" Cartledge (Royal Naval Yard), featherweight champion of Hongkong v. Able Seaman Ewin (H.M.S. "Hermes"), the holder, and middleweight champion of the Royal Navy and Marines.

10 rounds, welterweight: P. O. Mitchell (Concord), v. Stoker Norman Morris (Hermes). "10 rounds, lightweight: L. S. Baker (Hermes) v. Ldr. T. E. Emmerson (Marazion)."

8 rounds, featherweight: H. Major (Hongkong) v. Kid Alfred (Manila).

6 rounds, featherweight: Drummer Bowles (East Surrey) v. Six Rogers (Tamar).

With the exception of Mitchell and Alfred, all the men are well known here.

A points' decision having been given against Cartledge in his catchweight fight with Morris, Ewin will be out to do his very best. Ewin's style is different from that of Morris. The shipmates have not been pitted against each other but respective supporters will be able to make comparisons through Cartledge. The lightweight champion will be giving away weight but he will not be perturbed. Ewin has shown that he can get down to the limit without detrimental effects. If he wins, the belt becomes his own property. The conditions stipulated are that a man must win twice in succession, or three times in all, before taking the belt for good. Both men's records have been recently published in detail. In addition their local reputations are very convincing.

Norman Morris gave a taste of his punch against Piper and fought Cartledge like a veteran. His opponent this time is Petty Officer Mitchell who comes from the same school of boxing as Cartledge, the Devonian. At Home, Mitchell was making a name. He has won three contests in Shanghai, defeating Pavachio who is stated to have been better than Iron Box when the last-named was near his best.

Another 10 round "semi-final" is that between Baker and Emmerson. Next to Cartledge, Baker is considered one of the best lightweights in the Colony, but Emmerson has given him a run for his money. The only bout Baker has lost here, under the H.K.B.A., was to Stoker Murrell, to whom the "Hermes" had given away far too much weight. This will be the third meeting between Baker and Emmerson. Over 6 rounds, Baker won. In a return match over the same distance, a rattling bout was seen, the decision being a draw; towards the middle Baker was in difficulties but he recovered finely. Over 10 rounds this time, they should be very popular. Emmerson is still training with Cartledge.

A Filipino lad in Kid Alfred will make his debut in a local ring. Giving away weight on both occasions, he boxed 12 rounds twice with Naegelin in Saigon. The first he lost on points and the second was drawn. His record, given in detail recently in the "China Mail," showed a large percentage of victories by the knock-out route. He will be up against another hard hitter, who is also fast, clever and game, in Harry Major. The fight is over 8 rounds. Major has shown excellent form since putting himself in the hands of Cartledge and did himself full justice at the last tournament. The "Kid" is getting into trim with Iron Box, Maher and other local lads. He and Major

HOME SOCCER.

SCOTTISH F.A. CUP STARTS TO-DAY.

FIRST ROUND FIXTURES.

Below will be found the following soccer fixtures, to be played to-day, in the first round of the Scottish F.A. Cup:—

Nairn County v. St. Johnstone.
Peebles Rovers v. Keith.
Royal Albert v. Alloa.
Arbroath v. Berwick Rangers.
Cowdenbeath v. Hamilton A.C.S.
Kilmarnock v. Celtic.
Bo'ness v. East Fife.
Clyde v. Dunfermline.
Hibernians v. Breachburn.
Bathgate v. East Stirling.
Queen's Park v. Clydebank.
Dumbarton v. Buckie.
Third Lanark v. Moorpark.
Solway Star v. Johnstone.
Partick Thistle v. Motherwell.
Aberdeen v. St. Bernard's.
Albion Rovers v. Nithsdale.
Civil Service v. Leith Athletic.
Rangers v. Lochgelly.
Dundee United v. Hearts.
King's Park v. Peterhead.
Montrose v. Clacknacaddie.
Douglas Wanderers v. Forfar.
Brechin v. Thornhill.
Raith Rovers v. Ayr.
Arthurlie v. Armadale.
Stenhousemuir v. Vale of Leven.
Queen of the South v. Airdrie.
Brechin v. Falkirk.
St. Mirren v. Mid Annandale.
Dykehead v. Morton.

(Dundee have already defeated Inverness Caledonians and pass into the second round.)

RUGBY CUP-TIE.

In the local rugby cup-tie, on the H.K.F.C. ground at 4 p.m. to-day against the Club, the Royal Navy team will be:—

T. Morfines ("Ambrose") 1; J. Nicholson ("Petersfield") 2; Lt. Com. Lyle ("Hawkins") 3; E. E. A. Tinker ("Hermes") 4; E. A. Robb ("Hermes") 5; Lt. Grant ("Hermes") 6; Lt. Gibbon ("Hermes") 7; Lt. Com. Bower ("Hermes") 8; Pay-Lt. Hussey ("Hawkins") 9; Lt. Edmondson ("Hawkins") 10; Pay-Lt. Allen ("Hermes") 11; E. R. A. McTaggart ("Hermes") 12; E. R. A. McDonald (Sub) 13; Lt. Farrell ("Bluelich") 14 and A. B. Acot (Subs.) 15.

"HONG" ROWING CUP.

Mr. E. R. C. Hornell last night presented the "Hong" Fours rowing cup, at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, to the P.W.D. crew who recently won the race and the trophy.

Mr. E. W. Carpenter (Commodore) and Mr. A. L. Shields (Vice Commodore) were present. Hopes were expressed that the honor would soon be back in a rowing boat, as a Cox.

The winning boat comprised:—K. S. Robertson (stroke), W. R. Andrews, P. Baker, R. C. Keen (bow), H. J. Pearce (cox).

LADIES' TENNIS FINAL.

Mr. E. Grimbale and Mrs. R. E. Tottenham are the finalists in the ladies' open lawn tennis championship, to be played at the Ladies' Recreation Club, Peak Road, at 2.45 p.m. on Monday.

There will also be an exhibition men's doubles match—Colonel C. Russell-Brown, R.E. and Major W. P. A. Hattersley-Smith, R.A. v. Dr. R. E. Tottenham and Lt. Broome.

The following will represent the Hongkong Football Club Reserves in their (junior) shield fixture with the University "A" on Club ground at 2.30 p.m. to-day: D. Purves, D. Lyon, A. Howell, S. Garrod, A. Morrison, G. Punccheon, G. Stewart, T. Pile, S. Hill, E. Raiton, C. Curtis.

are certain to provide thrills, hard-knocks and good class boxing.

Drummer Bowles and Signaller Rogers are two other good featherweights. Bowles has a victory over the sailor to his credit but Roger is confident that he will be better, having challenged for the championship. The drummer only lost the local belt to Seaman Gardner by a narrow verdict.

All the men are in good form and will soon be putting on the finishing touches to their training. With such a programme there is bound to be a bumper attendance next Saturday. Booking announcements will be made in due course.

CRICKET NOTES.

"SELECTED" ELEVEN OF THE COLONY.

THE LEAGUE STATISTICS.

(By Sentinel.)

In the fixture card of the Hongkong Cricket Club is down for January 30:—A selected XI v. Rest of Colony (on the Club ground). I learn that invitations have been sent out to the various clubs to make this match really representative. If successful, similar matches will be held in future.

It is understood that the object of a match of this nature is to keep an inter-club eleven in existence, to represent the Colony at any time. The next inter-club is not due to be played till nearly a year later but it is always of advantage to know how we stand.

Mr. R. Hancock and Mr. T. E. Pearce are getting together the team of "standing eligibles," such to include players with qualifications for Hongkong. Naval men on seagoing ships do not come within this category. Another object is to test new talent. It is to be hoped that two good teams will be chosen.

Eleven that S. A. Ismail, the Indian Recreation Club 1st XI, stumper, has been chosen to play for the "Selected Team." Ismail has come on tremendously in the last two or three seasons. His batting may not be as consistent as that of Stripp, the Surrey, and inter-club wicket-keeper, but he is certainly worth trying. As a product, strictly, of the local school of cricket, Ismail gives much pleasure to his sponsors. He is said that his form in a match against the "Club" so impressed skipper "Dick" Hancock, that it was decided to give him a chance of turning out in the best company.

Championships in both divisions of the league are still open questions. There is more than a possibility that the final positions will not be decided till the leaders have played off their last match. Outstanding fixtures are:—

Kowloon 1st XI—H.K.C.C. (away), Craigengower (away).
Navy 1st XI—University (away, to-day), R.A.
H.K.C.C. 1st XI—Kowloon (home), University (away), R.A. (home), Chinese R.C. (away).
K.C.C. 2nd XI—H.K.C.C. 2nd XI (home), R.E. (home, to-day).
H.K.C.C. 2nd XI—K.C.C. 2nd XI (away), University 2nd XI (home).

In the averages a number of names are now omitted as sufficient matches have not been played. Captain Bridgland's score of 84 not out, last Saturday, against the Club juniors, is the highest in the second division of the league this season, the previous best being by T. H. King, for the Police (77 not out) on November 21. Two more batsmen join the list of those who have made over 200 runs (in the league) in E. F. Stewart and G. R. Sayer, both of whom are inter-club men.

BATTING AVERAGES.

Division I.				
No. of	Highest	Score	Avr.	Age
Innings				
E. C. Fincher (C.S.)	6	221	110.50	
Lt. Silfioe (N.)	7	163	81.50	
Major Hattersley-Smith (R.A.)	4	220	75.00	
Lt. Com. Armistead (N.)	4	110	77.50	
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.)	4	107	53.50	
Mid. Stephenson (N.)	7	163	50.42	
E. J. Mitchell (H.K.)	6	95	39.00	
E. F. Stewart (H.K.)	6	70	22.00	
A. H. Mader (L.)	6	58	23.00	
G. R. Sayer (C.S.)	6	51	20.83	
W. C. Hung (C.R.C.)	5	59	17.33	
Capt. Armstrong (S.)	6	70	20.1	
H. C. Hung (C.R.C.)	5	34	6.66	
Capt. Morris (K.)	7	97	19.72	
D. Fritz (C.C.C.)	5	82	16.4	
Mr. G. R. Hough (R.A.)	3	17	5.66	
Rev. E. K. Quick (U.)	3	43	14.33	
R. E. Lindell (K.)	5	45	9.0	
Lt. Col. Edmeades (R.A.)	2	30	15.00	
Lt. Nicholson (N.)	5	91	11.0	
Capt. L. W. Bennett (R.A.)	2	20	10.00	
N. B. Kitchell (L.)	5	21	4.2	
R. E. H. Oliver (H.K.)	3	37	12.33	
A. E. Wood (C.S.)	4	45	11.25	
A. A. Ramjahn (U.)	6	48	8.0	
A. W. Hayward (H.K.)	5	73	14.6	
E. C. Fincher (C.C.C.)	5	61	12.2	
C. M. S. Skirp (S.)	4	49	12.25	
O. Ismail (L.)	4	44	11.0	
K. R. Macdonald (K.)	6	29	4.83	
Ng. Sze-kwong (C.R.C.)	5	47	9.4	

LOCAL BANK FOOTBALL TEAMS.



Photo by Ying Ming.

Sever teams of the Bank of East Asia and the Bank of Canton which met last Sunday on the Queen's College ground, Causeway Bay, when the Canton Bank won by 2 goals to nil.

Division II.

A. Houlm (U.)	2	74	79	79.00
Capt. Bridgland (R.E.)	3	84	113	56.50
H. S. Gordon (H.K.)	3	48	119	39.66
W. M. Glens (U.)	4	71	110	36.66
L. D. McNeill (H.K.)	3	43	71	35.50
Mr. R. Sims (N.)	3	37	68	22.66
T. H. King (P.)	4	77	103	33.66
B. C. K. Hawkins (C.S.)	5	46	133	33.25
T. D. E. Pendered (H.K.)	4	43	96	32.00
C. Lee (K.)	3	64	81	27.00
S. E. Spillat (C.S.)	3	20	50	25.00
Capt. Hollands (R.E.)	3	38	74	24.66
Y. A. Wahab (I.)	6	61	143	23.83
H. Hassan (L.)	6	46	138	23.00
A. K. Muckenzie (H.K.)	3	53	58	22.66
F. W. Howell (K.)	3	43	27	22.33
P. F. Slater (H.K.)	3	56	82	22.00
J. Hall (H.K.)	3	52	63	21.00
T. W. Carr (C.S.)	4	30	42	21.00
C. F. Alexander (P.)	3	67	62	20.66
H. P. Harper (C.S.)	4	32	82	20.50
Mr. E. G. Nicholson (H.K.)	5	26	81	20.25
W. H. Dickens (N.)	2	31	40	20.00

[Minimum 2 innings but less than half matches of respective team, average 20 runs or over.]

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Division I.				
Wickets.	Average			
Rev. E. K. Quick (U.)	11	5.80		
P. F. Slater (H.K.)	10	7.30		
Capt. Armstrong (Surreys)	10	8.34		
A. H. Mader (H.K.)	10	9.36		
Mr. W. P. A. Hattersley-Smith (R.A.)	10	10.41		
Pay-Lt. Woodward (N.)	17	8.82		
C. I. Bowler (H.K.)	12	10.41		
Lt. Henslowe (R.A.)	7	12.57		
Lt. Smith (R.A.)	7	12.71		
Lt. McNeill (H.K.)	17	13.00		
P. F. Slater (H.K.)	14	13.97		
S. O. Shahabuddin (U.)	13	14.00		
Lt. Silfioe (N.)	4	14.00		
P. Goodwin (K.)	22	14.13		
C. W. Lam (H.K.)	7	14.14		
Capt. Allfree (S.)	4	14.75		

Division II.				
Sgt. Jones (R.E.)	8	3.12		
T. D. E. Pendered (H.K.)	12	6.06		
Pay-Lt. Allen (N.)	12	9.22		
P. F. Slater (H.K.)	6	7.33		
R. G. Robertson (P.)	13	7.57		
C. F. Alexander (P.)	5	7.60		
A. Houlm (U.)	6	10.16		
F. W. Howell (K.)	6	10.33		
G. M. S. Jacob (R.E.)	5	10.60		
Lt. Hayler (N.)	6	11.15		
G. Lee (K.)	6	11.15		
A. S. Sullivan (I.)	15	11.20		
H. S. Gordon (H.K.)	4	11.25		
B. N. Sudan (U.)	12	11.58		
Eng. Lt. Bennett (N.)	10	11.80		
W. H. Edmondson (C.S.)	16	11.81		
Lt. Emley (N.)	11	12.45		
Lt. Emley (N.)	4	13.00		
Lt. Emley (N.)	12	13.23		
M. P. Mader (L.)	10	13.90		
Y. A. Wahab (I.)	9	14.55		

[Minimum 2 innings but less than half matches of respective teams, average not more than 15 runs per wicket.]

League Records This Season.

HIGHEST INNINGS.
Senior, Indian R.C. 236 (for 9 wks.) v. Craigengower C.C., I.R.C. ground, Dec. 19.
Junior, Royal Navy 2nd XI 200 (for 6 wks., Dec.) v. Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI, K.C.C. ground, Dec. 5.

The following have been selected to represent St. Joseph's College in their league soccer match against the Surrey Reserves at the College ground to-day, at 4 p.m.—A. McGrann, Dr. S. A. M. Segher, J. Leonard, J. Mackenzie, B. A. Hyder, J. Kent, R. M. Omar, B. Maher, A. Ward, T. Leonard, F. Rodrigues.



Batting Siki, who knocked out Carpenter and who has lost more battles outside the ring than any other boxer, took the long count in New York when he thrust his left leg into a right swing by a policeman, intent on arresting him. After the boxer had stopped singing, Siki was fined for disorderly conduct. This incident occurred shortly before Siki's death by foul play.

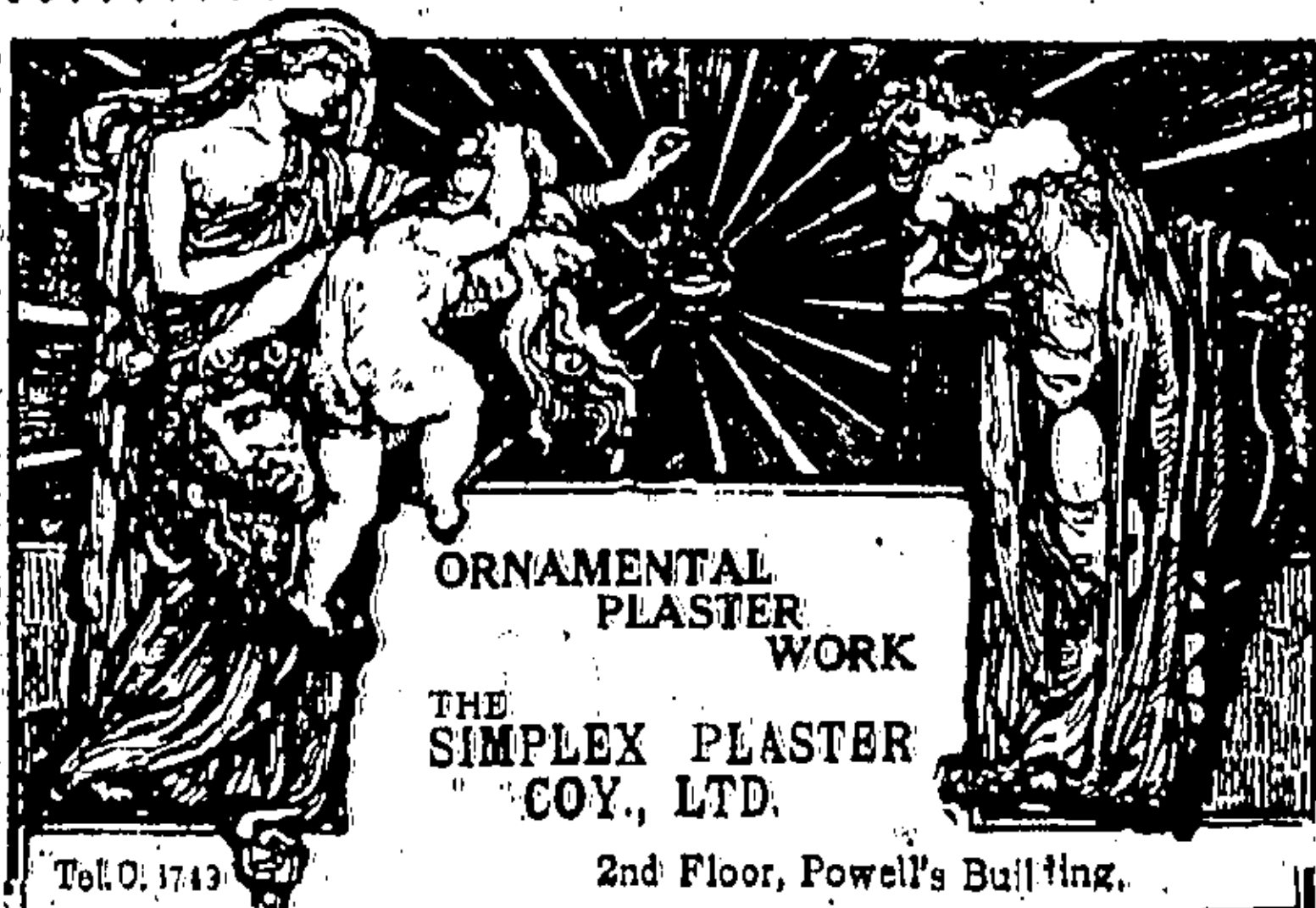
LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 23, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.
T.T. on London	2/4 3/4	2/4 3/4	2/4 3/4
T.T. on Shanghai	78 3/4	78 3/4	78 3/4
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1060 b.	\$1060 b 1065	\$1060 sa.
do. London	212 1/2 n.	—	212 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	22 1/2 n.	22 1/2 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	22 1/2 n.	22 1/2 n.	—
do. C.	21 1/2 n.	21 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	20 1/2 n.	20 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	85 n.	85 n.	85 n.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	590 b.	600 n.	\$ 600 n.
China Underwriters	24 n.	230 n.	2 n.
North China Insurance	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	—
Union Insurance	253 b. 254 sa.	254 b. & sa.	\$255 b.
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	36 b.	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 s.	600 s.	500 n.
Shipping.			
Douglases	33 s.	32 n.	34 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	24 s.	24 s.	23 s.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	4 1/2 n.	4 1/2 n.	4 s.
Indo-China (Prof.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	45 n.	—	65 s.
do. () Hk.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Shell Transports	97 1/2 n.	97 1/2 n.	97 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	55 s.	55 s.	\$ 57 s.
Water-bus	16 b.	16 s.	16 n.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	31 s.	30 s.	25 n.
Malayan Sugars	48 n.	35 s.	50 n.
Mining.			
Pengauets	1.00 n.	—	—
Kailash Mining Ad.	44 1/2 b.	45 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Tungshat (Combined)	T 30 s.	T 32 s.	T 32 s.
do. (Single)	20 n.	20 s.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5.45 n.	5 1/2 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	8 n.	8 n.	—
Rubis	\$5.80 s.	\$5 1/2 s.	—
Tronoh Mines	55 1/2 n.	55 1/2 n.	—
Ural Caspians	81 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves & Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$123 s.	121 b. 123 s.	\$126 s.
H.K. & W. Docks	57 1/2 b.	57 1/2 n.	57 s.
Hongkows	T 105 n.	T 105 n.	T 105 n.
New Engineering	7 b.	T 7 b.	T 7 b.
Shanghai Docks	114 s.	112 s.	112 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$74 b.	8 b.	8 s.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	63 s.	63 s.	63 s.
H.K. Realty	5 b.	63 n.	5 1/2 n.
H.K. Territorials	13 1/4 n.	13 1/4 n.	14 s.
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People and Events in the News of the World



A week at sea in a disabled open boat, Vito Loehuco and Frank Ventimiglia, of Boston, were rescued starving and half crazed. In their delirium they burned \$700 in notes in an effort to keep warm.



Rudyard Kipling, when suffering from double pneumonia in London, was attended by Lord Dawson, the King's physician.



Vincent Astor, having sold the famous Fifth Avenue mansion for \$800,000, will build a house of a few rooms for his town residence. Secretary of Agriculture Jardine, for the Government, has extended credits of \$1,000,000 to Iowa farmers for the orderly marketing of their huge corn crop. Earl Jellicoe, commander of the British Navy in the early part of the World War, declares the Dominions should contribute to its support. Lee L. Doblin, of New York, is one of the twelve millionaires banded together to help the needy.



"The Long, Long Trail," a cartoon published at the time of Colonel

Roosevelt's death, modelled in bronze by Laura G. Fraser, has been unveiled in the Hotel Roosevelt, New York.

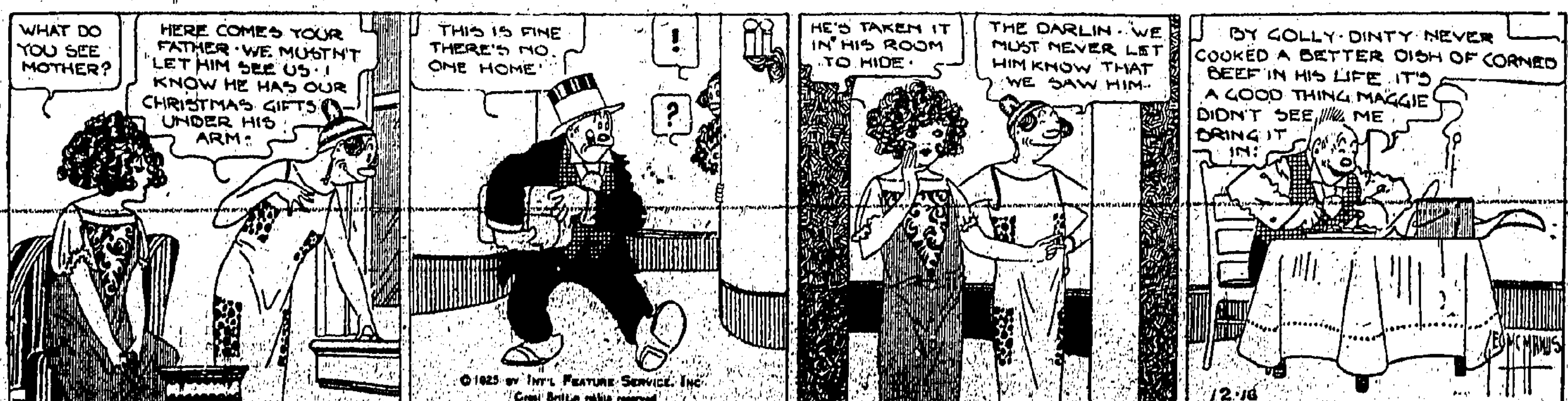


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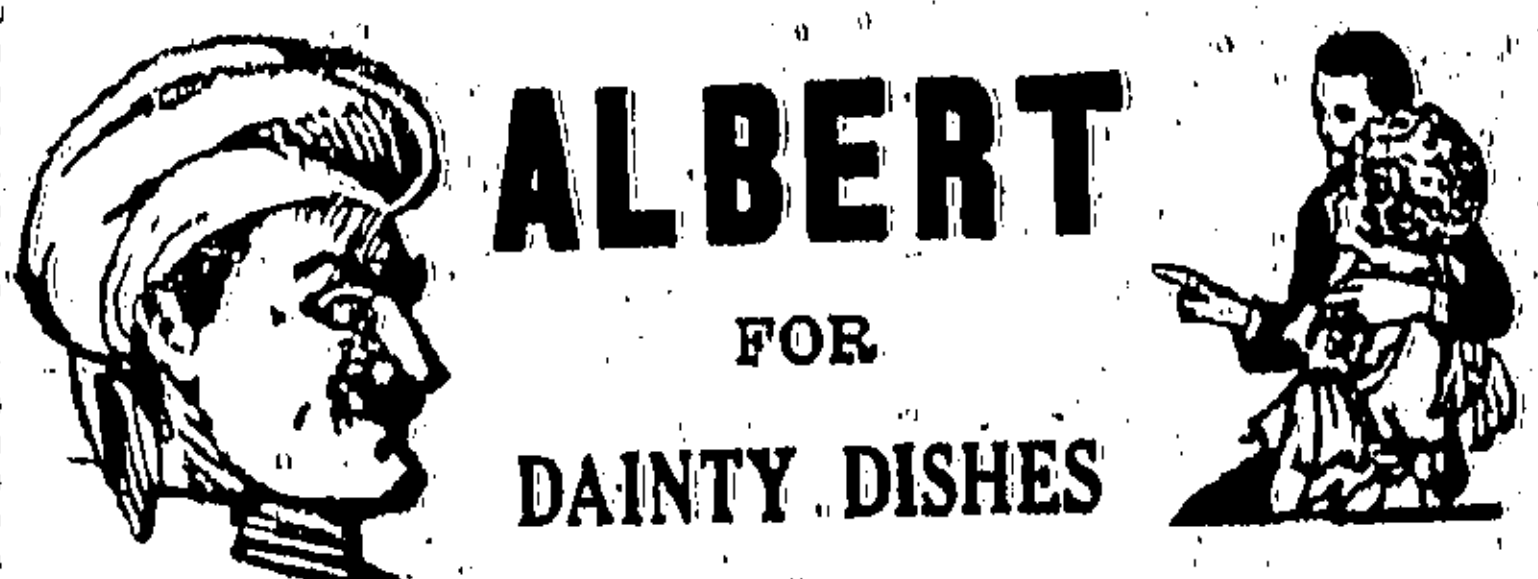
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THE FALL MODE.



Black Is Selected for the Town
Frock or Coat, Which
Is Really Chic.

With the departure of bright days and warm winds, the shops, which feature that which is truly smart in the mode, are exhibiting frocks, coats and ensembles in black.

Black, lightened by a clever touch of white, or punctuated by a favourit, for the days of December and the first weeks of January, when the "cold snap" has brought furs to the fore, black, in soft silks and satins or velveteens, is truly smart.

With a distinct tendency to add a ripple or a cap to its straight-line effects, the season promises to be an interesting one sartorially.

The black satin coat, which is suitable for the afternoon tea or shopping expedition, is also well carried into the evening when it covers a dinner gown in either black, white or the favoured shades of autumn.

Velveteens for all occasions are much favoured and are very smart when elaborately trimmed with fur.

For these days there is little better than a charming coat of black satin with fur trimmings. Youth is accentuated in the lines of the coat, and it also is a distinct forecast of what the season will sponsor.

When the fur trimmings are placed with an eye to beauty as well as comfort, the newest wraps for the fall are decidedly smart. The lavish use of fur, placed in unusual lines, promises to be a feature of the new mode. When the coat is black, bandings and odd arrangements of the fur are successful.

HEADWEAR FASHIONS.

Hats Which Shade the Face Are Again Sharing
Favour With Those Which Fit Snugly.



The long lived cloche and its successor in the directoire and modified cloche are looking to their laurels now that the broad brimmed hat has come to be considered seriously.

The close fitting hat of felt and velvet, of course, will be with us for many seasons, as it is both comfortable for sports and very chic in appearance when the tallness is worn. The snug turban or small brimmed hat of velvet is another favourite of the season and is used with great success for afternoon and morning.

Occasion demands formal attire the hat which was formerly snugly fitted to the head has been discarded by those who follow the season's mode for the broad brimmed and becomingly drooped hat.

The width of the brim in back is a point of distinction in the new hat of wide outline. When the hat is very large and slightly drooping, the back brim is also wide, while in the hat,

which is only of medium size, the brim fits fairly well at the nape of the neck.

The hat of mulline is much worn for afternoon occasions and is very smart. It is to be found in all shades which the season sponsors, but is particularly smart in fuchsias and caubas and beige.

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The large hat, which is very smart, chooses ribbons most frequently for its trimming instead of the flowers which graced the summer chapeau. Flowers, of course, are still used in exquisite velvet colours, but the velvet and satin ribbon is seen where true chic is found. Frequently the large hats depend almost entirely upon their lines for beauty rather than the trimming and are without adornment of any kind.



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